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RADIO VALVES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC
EQUIPMENT FOR THE MGB.

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1409

6 October 1944

To VICTOR.

As per your order we have obtained 100 radio valves [type][a] 5Z4[b] [and][a] despatched them to MASHINO-IMPORT for SHUBIN[i]. The ship ABNER NASH[b] sailed for ARCHANGEL on 2nd October. The box is marked: Order 00/35011176 R-54[C,05][8 groups unrecoverable][C,7]. Weight 23 pounds.

100 valves [LAMP] [type][a] 6G7[b] and 50 number 8123 are promised by the firm as early as the end of October.

Further to our No. 770[i]. We cannot obtain photographic [1 word unrecovered] on a special order [SPETSZAKAZ]. [3 groups unrecovered] to us the order was taken by the Army[c], which justified itself by the fact that one-and-a-half repeat one-and-a-half million dollars' worth of photographic [1 word unrecovered] had already been supplied to us.

No. 8023 [sic][d]
6th October

MAY [MAJ]

[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

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- T.N.: [a] Inserted by translator.
- [b] Sent in Roman alphabet.
- [c] The word order of this sentence might be adjusted if recovery was complete. The sense is probably: "The Army took over the order promised to us, justifying itself".
- [d] Probably an error for 803. It is presumed that the number 802 was put in at first, that the figure 2 was then struck out and 3 substituted, and that the code clerk failed to realise that it was an alteration.

Comments: [i] Compare comment [iii] to S/NBF/T250, in which it was suggested that MAJ had misunderstood the address he was given for the despatch of certain radio equipment, and that, in fact, SIGNAL was a telegraphic address for MASHINOIMPORT, MOSCOW. The above reference to ShUBIN at MASHINOIMPORT indicates that the conclusions given in the comment to T250 were correct.

[ii] This message was transmitted under external serial no. 1365 of 25 Sept. 1944. The text is at present unrecovered.

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